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The CLA Offers Many Scholarship Opportunities

By GraceAnne Trumpfeller

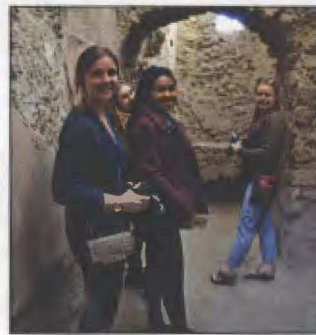
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FRIENDS ABROAD IN FLORENCE

Two Lynn Students Traveled Together To Experience Italy's Wonders



Above: Traveling abroad with a friend can make studying abroad far less of a daunting prospect for students. LU Photos.

By **AISLING MCENTEGART**
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Salomey Owusu, senior, and Angelina Bayer, junior, traveled to Florence together to study for the spring semester, making their friendship stronger than ever before.

The prospect of studying abroad in a foreign country can be an exciting, but daunting prospect. Many students aspire to study abroad, but do not follow through due to the fear of the unknown. There is certainly a lot to think about, from culture shock to currency exchange and language barriers.

However, the pros most definitely outweigh any cons when it comes to

spending time in another country.

"Going abroad gave me the opportunity to be immersed in another culture and experience a different way of life," said Owusu.

Owusu and Bayer, who were roommates prior to travelling to Italy overcame such worries by going together. Traveling with a friend is a wonderful way to make far scary than doing so alone.

The pair had the most amazing experiences while abroad. They not only traveled all over Italy, where they were based in Florence's beautiful historic area, but many other European countries too. During their four month stay they managed to check Ireland,

England, Germany, Spain and more off their travel bucket lists.

"My favorite moment would have to be visiting Pompeii and finally realizing that I'm in a place I've wanted to visit for years," said Owusu.

Traveling is such an amazing educational experience that truly is unrivaled to any other available to students. Students at Lynn are also lucky to have access to such a great study abroad office. Spending a few months in a country that is not one's own increases independence, cultural knowledge and overall world view.

Students who study abroad may even come back with new interests

and skills.

"I've learned a new language that I want to pursue more," said Owusu.

For those perhaps preparing to study abroad in the near future, Owusu has some words of wisdom.

"A piece of advice I would give anyone thinking about studying abroad is to travel as much as possible while there and really get involved with the culture," said Owusu.

College is the prime time to travel, as following graduation it becomes more difficult due to work commitments. Therefore, every student should make it their goal to study abroad and expand their horizons before they complete their studies.

Opinion

VIEW THE WORLD WHILE YOU CAN

An Open Letter To Those Considering Studying Abroad Next Semester



By **AISLING MCENTEGART**
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I get it, you desperately want to spend some time in a foreign country, but the idea of simply uprooting and jumping on a plane absolutely terrifies you. However, that is exactly why you should take the plunge and choose to study abroad.

Nothing will make you appreciate your own home more than spending some time away from it. The same goes for your family and friends. Once you spend a little time away from them, you realize who are the people you really want in your life. Hint: they'll be the ones you make a committed effort to stay in touch with and vice versa. Upon returning home, you will see things in a whole new light and have a greater respect for the place that you grew up in.

You may think you are content with seeing far away lands through electronic mediums, but believe me, everything looks

better in person. You might think it is impossible for Venetian sunsets or The Black Forest of Germany to look anymore beautiful than they do in the pictures, but seeing the wonders of the world in person will exceed all expectations. Seeing a city through a television screen or photograph can never adequately convey the tangible personality and unique characteristics each city has to offer. The still atmosphere of a London morning just before rush hour hits or walking down a street in Paris with the smell of fresh bread gently wafting out into the street, are examples of seemingly simple things that actually have such depth and power and can only be experienced to the full extent in person.

I could tell you that it will be perfect and you won't experience any bumps in the road, but that would be a lie. You will absolutely experience some kind of problem during your travels. You will probably get homesick at some point. You will probably get lost. It is important to note that this is not a negative by any means, as through overcoming problems you learn and grow as a person. You enhance your sense of self and sharpen your instincts. You learn that home is not a place, but a sense of content-

ment and happiness. That inner compass that helps you make decisions becomes more precise with each step you take. For every problematic situation, there are triple the amount of wonderfully enriching and effortless experiences.

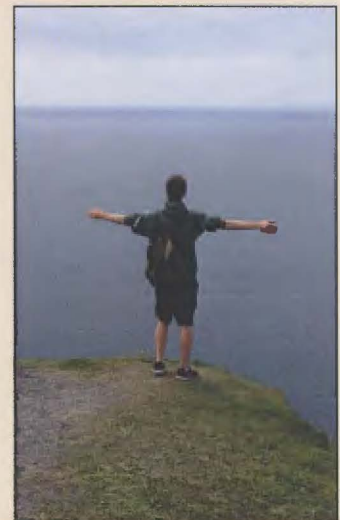
Through spending time abroad, you will learn that material items do not matter in the greater scheme of things, but experiences do. Experiences shape who you are as a person and establish your morals and goals. Experiences are what you will remember in 10 years, not that handbag you really want to buy. Through trial, error and experimentation you set yourself on the path to success in later life. When you can no longer call mom to do something for you, you become far more independent and develop self-sufficiency.

Immersing yourself in a new culture will make you more aware of how different people across the world really are. Things that are familiar and mundane for you will be strange and unusual for the people you will meet during your travels. Similarly, the customs and traditions that are observed in the countries you visit, will fascinate and educate you further. Considering the rise of globalization, the ability to be able to communicate with people

from different walks of life is highly valuable. Having a greater understanding of the world that surrounds you will help you in everything you do, from making decisions to better understanding other people.

Don't let a silly little thing like fear hold you back and prevent you from exploring the world around you. If the opportunity to study abroad presents itself to you, grab it eagerly. You may not ever get the chance to travel to foreign shores again, so do not miss out. Go ahead and open yourself up to the world of excitement and diversity. I promise you, it will delight and thrill you in ways you never thought possible.

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Above: Take a chance. LU Photo.

Cover

AVAIL OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT *The Center For Learning Abroad Office Offers A Number Of Scholarships*

By **GraceAnne Trumpfeller**
Editorial Support

All of us have an explorer within ourselves - although empty wallets often restrain them from seeking their heart's desires. However that may be, Knights consumed by wanderlust can find solace in the Center for Learning Abroad (CLA) which has continuously made it possible for Lynn students to explore their inner world traveler.

"The price of studying abroad was a huge factor for me, and it was the first thing I thought about when I decided I wanted to study abroad," explained Sydney Trezza, a senior who received

the Stephanie Crispinelli Endowed Memorial Scholarship. "The only reason I was able to study abroad was because the CLA offers some really amazing scholarships."

With more than 60 programs worldwide, the CLA offers short-term, semester and year-long programs in which the coursework completed abroad is applied toward the student's degree back here at Lynn. The study abroad providers that have partnered with Lynn offer a variety of scholarship opportunities that are dependent on the program, the term, a student's needs and their academic qualifications.

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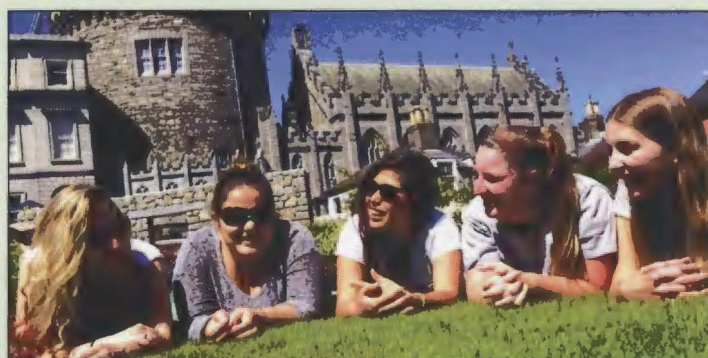
Endowed Memorial Scholarship, for example, is one of three Memorial Scholarships that were established to honor the Lynn faculty and students who lost their lives during the earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010.

Memorial Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to service but for financial reasons cannot afford the 3-week Spanish Language and Culture course in the Dominican Republic on their own. In order to be considered for a Memorial Scholarship during the 2015-16 academic year, applicants are required to submit a scholarship application and essay in addition to one rec-

ommendation form.

Applicants might also find interest in the CLA Correspondent Scholarship for either J-Term or summer which allows students studying communication, film and television, multimedia journalism or related fields the chance to travel alongside their peers while documenting the program in order to produce a final video that encompasses the entirety of the off-campus program experience.

Though there are a multitude of communication classes typically required in order to apply, students who have not completed every course are encouraged to apply anyway if they possess the necessary



Above: Students at Lynn have studied in many different countries all over the world, thanks to the assistance of the Center For Learning

Story

ARE OFFERED BY THE CLA'S OFFICE *To Ensure Every Student Has The Chance To Study Aboard While Here At Lynn*

skills and are recommended by a College of International Communication (CIC) faculty member.

"I actually didn't take all of the required classes, but I didn't let that stop me," said Brooke Rudisill, a senior who received the Correspondent Scholarship for the 2015 J-Term. "I researched and learned how to edit on Final Cut Pro X before I had left. But when it came to finding the right stories, my journalism classes were a huge help."

Applications for the Correspondence Scholarships must be submitted by Oct. 1 for J-Term, and March 1 for the spring semester.

Depending on a student's program of interest, further financial assistance can be found for semester study abroad. For example, the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS), Arcadia Study Abroad, CEA Global Education, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) and the Institute for International Education of Students (IES Abroad) all offer financial assistance to students determined on studying abroad.

Spring 2016 scholarships include the CIEE Berlin Student Grant, which offers four Fight-

ing Knights \$6,000 grants to attend the CIEE Open Campus program in Berlin for Spring 2016.

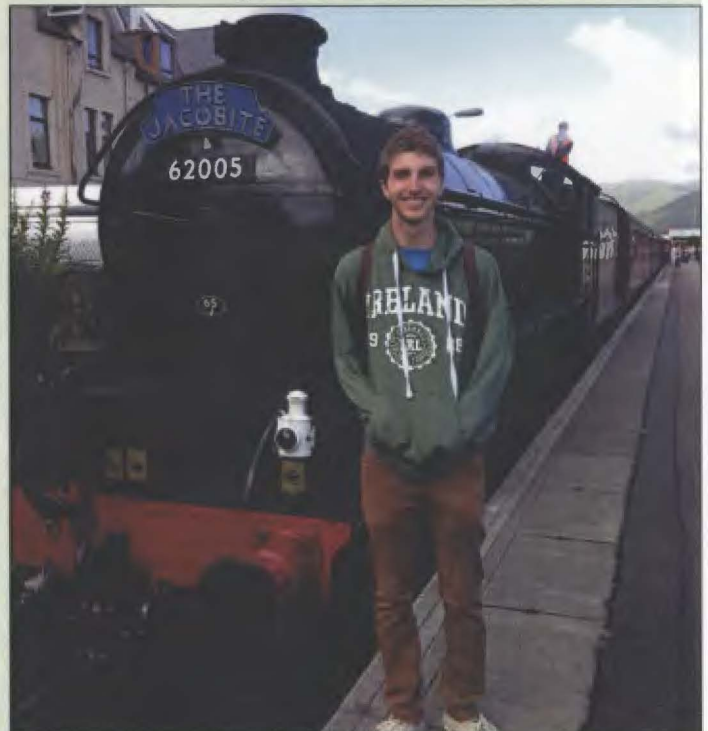
"This was definitely one of the biggest defining moments of my entire life so far," said Rudisill. "I can't even begin to explain how much [my time abroad] has impacted my view of life."

For those interested in studying abroad but frightened of the price tag, all scholarship opportunities are listed on lynn.abroad-office.net under the Scholarships tab. The CLA office is conveniently located on the first floor of the Lynn Student Center right outside of the Dining Com-

mons and potential applicants are welcome to stop by with any questions.

"To those who are thinking about applying for the scholarship: I almost backed out of applying because I didn't think that I was qualified enough, but if storytelling is a passion of yours, go out and learn as much as you possibly can by picking up a camera and filming the stories that surround you," urged Rudisill.

Deadlines for applications are quickly approaching. For specific deadlines corresponding to one's program of choice, visit the CLA website as soon as possible.



abroad and the amazing scholarship opportunities that are available for students to take advantage of so that they can explore. LU Photos.

Profile

STUDYING ABROAD OPENS DOORS

Elisa Pisana, Alumna Has Found A New Home Abroad In Florence

By **GALIT ALTER**
Staff Writer

Elisa Pisana, a recent 3.0 graduate, broke all molds when she decided take the once in a lifetime experience of studying abroad in beautiful Florence.

Pisana was terrified at first of getting on a plane and leaving behind the comfort and security of the life she had built during her college years in South Florida.

Little did she know that she was embarking on one of the most amazing and unforgettable adventures of her life.

"I was a little nervous going to study abroad for a semester because to me, being away for two and a half months felt like forev-

er," said Pisana. "I worried that a lot would change or that I would miss out on things."

Surprisingly, Italy was not her first choice for studying abroad, but it was one of the only programs that offered a short session. At the time, Pisana did not want to go away for too long. However, upon arriving in Italy she immediately fell in love with the culture and the appearance of the landscape.

"My love for Florence was definitely unexpected. I went into it feeling hesitant, but now I can't imagine having gone anywhere else. It is just what I needed," said Pisana. "I got to experience a different culture, see new places, make lifelong friendships and

most importantly, learn that I'm okay on my own."

When asked about her favorite experience Pisana did not have to think twice about it and immediately mentioned the gondolas of Venice.

"Going to Venice and riding in a gondola was one of the most surreal things I've ever experienced in my life," said Pisana.

Pisana adapted to the Italian lifestyle and culture so quickly that to her, the biggest cultural shock was not experienced while she was in Italy, but when she came back to America for her graduation last May.

Pisana enthusiastically spoke of the merits of spending time in another country.

"Of course I recommend

studying abroad," said Pisana. "I feel like it should be required. It's honestly one of the best experiences a student can have while in college. It teaches you so much about the world and yourself."

Pisana started her journey expecting to return from Italy in two months, but she loved Italy so much that she decided to end her entire final college semester studying abroad in Italy.

Pisana's adventurous spirit decided that a semester was not enough time in the land of love and found a job in Italy and has decided to spend an entire year in Italy.

"I loved it," said Pisana. "I loved it so much that I did not get on my plane at the end of my semester."



Above: Elisa Pisana had the time of her life studying abroad in Italy and now has a job and lives in the country. LU Photos.

Life At Lynn

THE INTERNATIONAL LINGO LESSON

The Struggle Of Language Differences Faced By Study Abroad Students

By AISLING MCENTEGART
Editor-in-Chief

As anyone who has ever studied abroad will know, one of the most humorous aspects of spending time in another country are the phrases, slang words and colloquial terms that get lost in translation along the way or perhaps even have a completely different meaning overseas.

Every student studying abroad will at some point have a moment when they say something completely benign and non-offensive, yet experience confusion as the faces of the natives surrounding them suddenly become a mix of shock and bemusement. Do not fret because no one is going to fault a foreigner for an honest mistake and the locals are most likely to react with amusement.

Other words just have no usage in other countries, even when the exact same language is being spoken. This is a clear indicator that even dialects of the same languages are poles apart from each other around the world. Students studying abroad may even find her see levels returning home with a whole new vocabulary to wow their friends and family with. Similarly, students studying abroad may end up imparting some of their own slang to the people they meet throughout their travels.

Often when there is a language barrier, students will have to utilize creative means of communicating with those around them. This will certainly create memories that will last for years to come, as well as make for great stories to share with friends and family upon returning home.

"While I was in Denmark, I had the opportunity to live with a host family. In my host family I had two younger siblings who were four and five years old. Our only method of communication was through One Direction songs since my Danish was terrible and their English was very basic," said Denisse Rodriguez, senior. "Despite the fact that our communication was limited to One Direction songs my best memories abroad were with those kids."

The language differences between countries are undoubtedly one of the most interesting aspects of spending time in another country as through immersing oneself in the language of another country, it is easier to get a picture of everyday life in that country. Language and culture are deeply intertwined, so in order to truly experience what life is like in a foreign country, one should make an effort to learn some of the lingo.

"When I was studying abroad in Dublin, Ireland I found it really funny that



Above: Students gain new experiences while abroad. LU Photos.

in Ireland, the first floor of a building is called the ground floor, the second floor is called the first floor and so on," said Andrea Schwarzkopf, graduate student. "It was a little confusing at first, but I loved experiencing all the different phrases used abroad."

Just as the people of a different country are foreign to a study abroad student, the study abroad student is also foreign to them. This means that the locals will be just as interested in a student

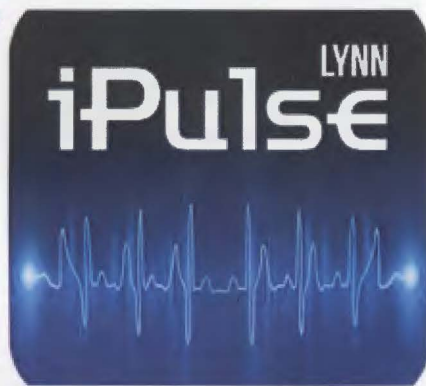
spending a few weeks in their country, as the student studying abroad will be in them. This provides the perfect opportunity for students to chat with the locals and educate each other.

Getting to experience all the lingo of another country is another reason to consider studying abroad, as it broadens one's understanding of other cultures and fosters an appreciation for the complexity of language.



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